

I urge that you do not support NAB'S petition 04-160. This is another attempt at corporate wellfare. The position is anti-capitalist-it squashes competition. The FCC has allowed marketplace decisions to rule recently. The local weather-traffic content is not strictly local because it can be heard nationwide-and there is a public interest for some of the public to hear weather and traffic that is outside of their local area. The FCC does not need to involve itself with programming decisions. The NAB obviously represents a quaking business who are afraid to compete. There is a need for both broadcasting and satellite radio-if broadcasters truly wish to be local...truly local, no one's stopping them. If they want to be truly local...then outlaw syndicated satellite delivered programming and distant voice tracking (which is a duplicitous act because the lie is put out to a trusting public that the voices they hear are local and of course that's not the truth).